

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/708,890

Examiner

Jonathan Ouellette

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/14/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 70-78.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 1-69 and 79-81 have been cancelled; therefore, Claims 70-78 are currently pending in application 09/708,890.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The rejection of Claims 18, 31, 41, 48, 54, 66, 70, 73, 76, and 79 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, is withdrawn due to applicant's amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The rejection of Claims 18, 20, 28-32, 38-43, 45-50, 52-56, 62-63, 65-67, 69-70, and 72-79 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuttle (US 6,127,917) in view of Flint (Flint, Perry, "Being last is not always the worst thing," Air Transport World, v36n9, PP: 68-69, September 1999), is withdrawn due to applicant's amendments.
4. The rejection of Claims 21-25, 27, 33-36, 44, 51, 57-61, 64, 68, 71, and 80-81 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuttle in view of Flint, and further in view of Official Notice, is withdrawn due to applicant's amendments.
5. The rejection of Claims 19 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuttle in view of Flint, and further in view of Carney (US 2002/0120518 A1), is withdrawn due to applicant's amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 70-78 are allowed.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
8. Claims 70-78 are considered allowable because they disclose a unique passenger-specific display system that adds functionality to the displayed information by using it to individually direct passengers. The prior art fails to teach or suggest such a system/method for displaying and individually directing passengers/customers regarding standby, upgrade, and seat assignment information in an airline-boarding environment, as disclosed by the suggested independent claims.

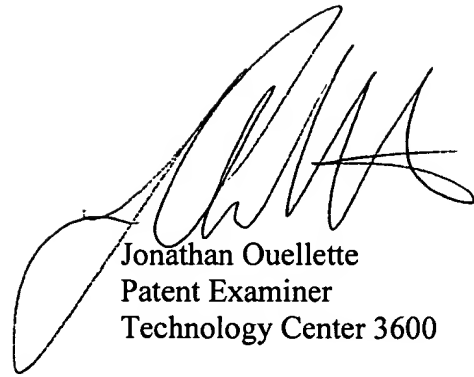
Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Ouellette whose telephone number is (571) 272-6807. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8am - 5:00pm.
10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (703) 872-9306 for all official communications.
11. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-5484.

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